

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 21, 2005
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present:

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| Ben Bobrow (Chairman) | Charles Frank Allen |
| Stewart Hamilton | David Leinenveber |
| Steve Thompson | Philip Johnson |
| Scott Petersen | Mark Venuti |
| Debbie Johnston | Anslem Roanhorse |
| Bill Ashland | Rich Thacher |
| Stuart Alt | Alex Wilcox |
| Dan Judkins | Robert Galey |

Members Absent:

Jeff Farkas
David Bank
John Porter

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSSION and Action January 20, 2005 MINUTES

A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by Stuart Hamilton to approve the minutes of January 20, 2005, as provided in the meeting packets this morning, with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Office of the Director

- 1. Discussion on Status of Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Preparedness Services, Division of Public Health Services, and Department of Health Services**
 - Niki O’Keeffe, Deputy Assistant Director, Public Health Preparedness formally introduced the new Bureau Chief, Gene Wikle to the Board.
 - Niki O’Keeffe announced that Catherine Eden, the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services has resigned. Next Friday will be her last day. She passed around a journal for people to write comments to the Director.

B. Chairman’s Report

- Ben Bobrow, Bureau Medical Director introduced two new members to the Board:
 - Robert Galey, Clinical Administrator of Emergency Services and Outpatient Services for Banner Desert Samaritan Medical Center
 - Anslem Roanhorse, the Executive Director for the Navajo Division of Health

C. Public Health Statistics – Trauma Registry Report

- David Harden, Office of Health Registries, reported on the status of the Trauma Registry and current efforts to standardize the data and prepare for

data conversion.

IV. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

A. Introduction of New Bureau staff

- Gene Wikle, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Bureau) reported that with the Bureau reorganization he has hired new staff. He introduced the staff to the Board:
 - Rhonda Montgomery is the new Regional Liaison for the Central and Northern Regions. The Bureau will also be hiring a Regional Liaison for the Southern and Western Regions.
 - Amanda Valenzuela is the new Program and Project Specialist who will report directly to the Bureau Chief and provide support for Dr. Bobrow.
- Gene Wikle introduced Allison Kern, the new Assistant Attorney General for the Bureau.
- Gene Wikle announced the promotion of Vicki Conditt from Trauma Program Coordinator to the Trauma Section Chief for EMS and Trauma Systems Development.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trauma Legislation (SB 1134)

- Vicki Conditt reported that the Department is very pleased to announce that Senate Bill 1134 has passed. This legislation provides the statutory authority for the Department to use a national verification organization such as the American College of Surgeons (ACS) for reviewing trauma centers for verification and designation. The bill has an immediate effective date of April 11, 2005.
- Vicki Conditt thanked everyone who assisted in getting the legislation passed.

B. Discussion and Action on Trauma Center Designation Rulemaking

- Sarah Harpring provided a summary of the process of the Trauma Center Designation Rulemaking and explained the changes made to the draft rulemaking since the November 2004 meeting. The changes are based on recommendations from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, discussions with Dr. Robert Coscia of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, and ADHS. Sarah Harpring also discussed the meeting that ADHS staff had with representatives from Phoenix Children's Hospital concerning the criteria for a level 1 trauma center, specifically the issue of whether a level 1 pediatric-only trauma center could have a surgeon response time of 15 minutes instead of having an in-house surgical presence 24/7. It was clear to the ADHS staff that this issue required STAB discussion and recommendations. Flagstaff Medical Center also wanted to discuss the distinctions between level 1 and level 2 criteria again.
- The goal is to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by June 10, 2005, in order to have the rules effective in early October 2005.
- To expedite the rulemaking process, the STAB Verification/Designation Work Group will need to meet to review the draft changes and then STAB will need to have a special meeting before June 10, 2005 for final approval of the rules.

Item: Discussion and Action on Revised Draft Rules for Trauma Center Designation
Follow Up: Set up STAB Verification/Designation Work Group and STAB Members
When: May 2, 2005
Who: Donna Meyer

- Discussion ensued regarding the presence of an in-house CT Tech in a pediatric level 1 trauma center. It was felt that a response time of 30 minutes was too long (Pg. 30 yellow highlighting and gray highlighting). Sarah Harpring explained that this was not a work group change. It was a change that was made to be consistent with the current ACS requirements. The differences in this draft is the blue highlighting which reflects the changes resulting from the April 5, 2005 Work Group meeting.

1. Resources and Capabilities for Pediatric Trauma Centers and Levels I and II Trauma Centers (ACS and Arizona)

- Discussion ensued regarding changes that would impact the standard of care for pediatric patients. It was voiced that a response time of fifteen minutes may be too long to wait, especially since trauma is the leading cause of death for children.
- Dr. Stuart Lacey from Phoenix Children's Hospital stated that the forthcoming change in ACS guidelines is an elevation in care. He stated that the question is whether or not it is preferable to have a combination of adult and general surgeons in-house or whether it is preferable to be able to provide pediatric surgery care but by response time instead of in-house. Optimal care is the priority for all patients.
- A representative for Dr. Daniel Caruso, Maricopa Medical Center, expressed his opinion that trauma surgeons should be in-house and he does not support pediatric surgeons with a response time instead of in-house surgeons.
- It was the recommendation that a Level 1 trauma center have in-house surgeons.
- Sarah Harpring stated that she spoke to the chair of ACS for clarification. ACS publishes a document called "Frequently Asked Questions," which are actually amendments to the gold book criteria. The FAQ states that "For a Level 1 Trauma Center a senior level resident or an attending must be in-house at all times." She reported that ACS stated that the attending in-house at all times also applies to a pediatric-only setting.
- Dan Judkins stated that these "Frequently Asked Questions" would be included in the ACS mauve manual in October.

A motion was made by Scott Petersen and seconded by David Leinenveber that criteria for in-house general surgery coverage for level 1 trauma centers not change. **Motion**

carried.

- Discussion ensued over the funding issue for trauma centers. The funding issue is not an ADHS issue. Funding provided to level 1 trauma centers from AHCCCS was as a result of Proposition 202. AHCCCS defined existing self-designated level 1 trauma centers as a model for the definition. AHCCCS rules define a level 1 trauma center as of January 1, 2005, to be those trauma centers designated by ADHS as a level 1.

A motion was made by Dan Judkins seconded by Stuart Alt to form a taskforce to pursue funding of trauma centers of any level. **Motion void.** Mark Venuti reminded the Board that this was not on the agenda and therefore, could not be voted on. Further general discussion ensued. Debbie Johnston with the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association stated that she would be interested in helping to pursue options for future funding support, particularly in the rural communities. She will discuss with AzHHA about spearheading this.

**Item: Discussion and Action on forming a Work Group to Seek or Consider
Options for Trauma Center Funding**
Follow Up: Next Meeting Agenda
When: September 22, 2005
Who: Vicki Conditt

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Action on Revised STAB Bylaws

A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by Dan Judkins to approve the STAB Bylaws with amendments as presented. **Motion carried.**

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The Southwest Regional Trauma Conference will be held in Tucson on August 4 and 5, 2005 at the Tucson Convention Center.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next STAB meeting will be held on May 2, 2005 in conjunction with the STAB Verification/Designation Work Group meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: September 22, 2005